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City passes Uber-enabling bylaw

ONE-YEAR PILOT

222 taxi plates released to help cabs compete

**Helen Pike**
Metro | Calgary

Uber is now revving their engines after a bylaw review makes their business model feasible in Calgary.

On Monday, councillors approved a livery bylaw tweak (in the form of a one-year pilot) that would give Transportation Network Companies (TNCs) another licensing fee option.

These changes are what Uber

has indicated would bring their services back to city streets after they left in February.

The news brings a mix of anger and relief for some taxi drivers and brokerages, who have been advocating the city release all remaining plates in the wings to help the industry "compete with Uber."

Associated Cab drivers

wearing their stickers waited to hear what council would decide on bylaw changes that could bring Uber back to Calgary.

Associated Cab president Roger Richard said Uber was able to do business back in February, and "no other TNC wanted these changes."

"It's all about Uber making

more money," said Richard. "If one side is open, the other side should be the same ... if they won't regulate the number of TNCs, they shouldn't regulate the number of taxis."

These companies still hold that because Uber operated illegally in Calgary, they shouldn't be granted "special privileges" in any new fee pro-

posals, and should have been able to run under the city's initial rules. And some drivers and brokerages even allege a "backroom deal" between the company and mayor's office.

"Whatever," said mayor Naheed Nenshi when asked about allegations of a deal. "We did what was right for Calgarians today."



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This guy is so fly ...

... they named a newly discovered fly species after him.
 Meet Jeff Goldberg and his eponymous bug.

HELEN PIKE/METRO

Jeff Goldberg is all abuzz about an insect the size of your household fruit fly.

Although he is an expert in molluscs, the neurobiologist is gaining a small but mighty appreciation — past his fly-fishing background — for winged bugs.

The Mount Royal University interim provost was honoured to have a new 1.5-millimetre long fly species named after him in a unanimous decision by the Entomological Society of Alberta.

"I'll be permanently in the literature, because the species name will be used forevermore in the scientific literature," said Goldberg.

"It's a very big honour for someone who has been an department chair and an administrative leader, you do a lot of work in small little steps, you don't realize when you put all these steps together down the road ... people are going to say thank you."

Although he can't say he sees any resemblance between him and a fly (other than the facial whiskers) his colleagues at the University of Calgary have more than a couple reasons for nominating Goldberg for the honour.

John Swann, who is manager of the invertebrate collection at the University of Calgary, headed up a pitch to have Dr. Goldberg immortalized in the

RIGHT: Jeff Goldberg the man.
 BELOW: Jeffrey Goldberg the fly. COURTESY MOUNT ROYAL UNIVERSITY



“It's a very big honour.”

Jeff Goldberg,
 Mount Royal University
 Interim Provost

biology books for his years of service at the U of C.

Swann said during Goldberg's time at the University of Calgary, he brought forward the profile of entomology in Alberta. He supported his staff in bringing the school's collections from a disjointed display, to a

unified one, which brought forward opportunities for student volunteers.

Swann said the fly was actually discovered during the school's 2015 Bioblitz, in which scientists and the public conduct field studies to record all living species in a specific area.

"The public were literally collecting things that were completely unknown," Swann said. "Without realizing it, they were finding something entirely new to science."

"And that's just it, Jeff is very much a people person, and he gets that not only is it teach-

ing our students, but it's also teaching and integrating what we do with the public."

Swann described the Jeffrey Goldberg fly as a little insect that looks like a peacock and loves dancing to the Village People when the male is performing mating displays.



TRIAL

Boy lived in squalor, court told

A seven-year-old boy who died from a treatable strep infection lived in squalor and was treated with dandelion tea and oil of oregano instead of antibiotics, a court heard Monday.

Tamara Lovett, 47, is charged with failing to provide the necessities of life and with criminal negligence causing the death of her son. Ryan Alexander Lovett died in March 2013 after getting a strep infection that kept him bedridden for 10 days.

Prosecutor Jonathan Hak said the family lived "off the grid" in a dark, dirty apartment in Calgary.

An autopsy revealed he had contracted Group A streptococcus infection and pneumonia. The official cause of death was sepsis which brought on multiple organ failure.

Hak said Lovett would not take him to a doctor, even though a friend had recommended it the day before she called 911. In a 911 call played in court, Lovett said her son was "breathing funny" and, after answering questions from the operator, said he'd stopped breathing.

Teresa Coulter was one of the first emergency medical technicians to arrive. She said the basement apartment was dark and smelled of marijuana.

She said the apartment was cluttered and it was difficult to get equipment inside. A second ambulance was called to provide backup.

Her partner, Valerie Hopwood, said Ryan looked frail and non-responsive. He was not breathing and there were no signs of life.

Ryan was pronounced dead at the hospital. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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WINTER MAINTENANCE

No snow has saved city \$3.8M



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Metro | Calgary

It's not looking like a white Christmas yet, but the so-far mild winter is making for an easy start to the city's snow clearing.

Only five or six weeks into the snow season, the city is sitting pretty with \$3.8 million worth of savings in the snow and ice control budget this winter.

"I don't want to jinx the balance of the season," said Coun. Richard Pootmans. "But so far, so good."

Transportation boss Mac Logan said that cash, if saved will automatically flow into the snow and ice control reserve. This year, that reserve has \$8.9 million in it.

Logan said he's working with colleagues to see where any savings could be best used.

OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES

New law mandates helmet use

Alberta has introduced legislation that would require people to wear helmets when operating off-highway vehicles on public land, after years of lobbying by safety groups.

The proposed legislation applies to ATVs, snowmobiles, dirt bikes, four-wheel-drive vehicles and other machines used for cross-country travel.

The Injury Prevention Centre at the University of Alberta estimates 19 people are killed each year. The centre said 185 people were killed while driving ATVs between 2002 and 2013.

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CPS members plan on attending CPC meetings moving forward as a way of humanizing the issue. METRO FILE

Officers taking bullying seriously

POLICE COMMISSION

Group plans to put a face on harassment at public meetings



Lucie Edwardson
Metro | Calgary

A group of Calgary police officers say they will be attending Calgary Police Commission meetings moving forward as a way to keep workplace bullying, harassment and human resource issues front of mind.

Former CPS detective, Marlene Hope, said the group is composed of individuals who feel safe advocating on behalf of themselves and others who have experienced negativity — be it harassment, bullying or otherwise — within the service.

"Our desire is that there will be representation at the meetings from individuals who feel safe to come forward and monitor it, so that there is a reminder to the commission and the service that this issue has a face to it — it's not numbers, it's people who have been impacted," she said.

Workplace culture issues within the CPS have been under the media microscope in the last



There needs to be transparency and stronger communication.

Marlene Hope

number of months due to allegations of bullying, harassment and sexual harassment stemming from a 2013 review that highlighted concerning allegations — but was kept under wraps until recently.

Hope said the primary reason for their attendance at the CPC

public meeting is so that the CPC and CPS executive team know they are engaged, and watching the process unfold.

"We want them to recognize that what is being said and the actions being taken are important to us," she said. "We still commit to the idea that there needs to be transparency and stronger communication with both the membership and citizens of Calgary about how they're going to address these serious allegations."

The CPC hosts a public meeting once a month. November's meeting will be held Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. at the Calgary Police Commission Boardroom (650a-615 Macleod Trail SE).

SEXUAL ASSAULT RETRIAL

Woman, 19, had 'buyer's remorse': Defence

A lawyer for a man facing a sex assault retrial after the original judge asked the complainant why she didn't keep her knees closed says the alleged victim had a case of "buyer's remorse."

Alexander Wagar, 29, was acquitted in 2014 by Judge Robin Camp, who ruled Wagar was a more credible witness than the 19-year-old complainant.

Camp called her "the accused" throughout that trial and asked her, "Why couldn't you just keep your knees together?" He also told her "pain and sex sometimes go together."

The Alberta Court of Appeal overturned the conviction and ordered the new trial. Camp is now a Federal Court judge. A panel of the Canadian Judicial Council is deciding whether to recommend his removal from the bench.

In his closing arguments Monday, defence lawyer Pat Flynn said there had been "evasiveness" in the complainant's testimony throughout the trial and Wagar isn't guilty of sexual assault.

"This was a consensual sex act between two young adults and only after the sex act did the young lady, in effect change her mind, sir," Flynn said.

"To be honest with the court, this is almost a buyer's remorse type of situation."

But Crown prosecutor Janice Walsh said that argument is based on an archaic and sexist cliché.

"The defence has brought before the court the outdated version of a woman scorned, that rape myth and stereotype — a woman who has engaged in sexual conduct would then become a vengeful or vindictive liar," she said in her closing arguments Monday.

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NOTICE OF HEARING FOR TEMPORARY GUARDIANSHIP ORDER TO: Travis Aubichon

Take notice that on the **9th day of December 2016 at 9:30 a.m.**, at **Calgary Family Court, Courtroom # 1205, 601 – 5th Street SW, Calgary, Alberta**, a hearing will take place.

A Director, under the Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Act will make an application for: **Custody Order; Temporary Guardianship Order** of your children born on **August 19, 2013, August 30, 2014 and July 11, 2016**. If you wish to speak to this matter in court, you **MUST** appear in court on this date. You do have the right to be represented by a lawyer. If you do not attend in person or by a lawyer, an Order may be made in your absence and the Judge may make a different Order than the one being applied for by the Director. You will be bound by any Order the Judge makes.

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A Director, under the Child, Youth and Family Enhancement Act will make an application for: **Permanent Guardianship Order**; of your child born on **February 4, 2000**. If you wish to speak to this matter in court, you **MUST** appear in court on this date. You do have the right to be represented by a lawyer. If you do not attend in person or by a lawyer, an Order may be made in your absence and the Judge may make a different Order than the one being applied for by the Director. You will be bound by any Order the Judge makes.

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'No CTE, concussion link yet'

SPORT

Calgary prof agrees with CFL commish Jeffrey Orridge

Elizabeth Cameron
For Metro | Calgary

A professor at the University of Calgary said the CFL's commissioner was right to say there is no link between football and chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE) — yet.

Jeffrey Orridge received a lot of attention for refusing to admit there is a link between CTE and football during his state of the league address on Friday. Orridge went against his counterparts in the NFL, who acknowledged there is a link between the disease and football in May this year.

"There isn't yet convincing, compelling evidence to show if there is a link or not," said Dr. Keith Yeates, a professor in the department of psychology at the University of Calgary, and chairman of the university's Integrated Concussion



Dr. Keith Yeates at the Alberta Children's Hospital, where he leads the Integrated Concussion Research Program, which examines the effects of concussions on youth. CONTRIBUTED

Research Program (ICRP). The program researches the effects of concussions on youth.

Yeates is speaking at a public forum on concussions at the U of C on Tuesday, along with Jon Cornish, who retired from the CFL after suffering from a head injury in 2015, and Paul

Carson from Hockey Canada.

The CFL is facing a \$200-million class-action lawsuit which represents over 200 former players, who claim former CFL commissioner Mark Cohon withheld information regarding repeated concussions and the link to long-term cog-

nitve disorders. None of the allegations have been proven in court.

"It's interesting, because (Orridge) said the evidence is not yet conclusive that concussions are linked to CTE, and actually that's true," Yeates said. The disease can only be de-

“There isn't yet convincing, compelling evidence to show if there is a link or not.”
Dr. Keith Yeates

tected through an autopsy, and according to Yeates, there have only been a select number of cases that went to autopsy and showed evidence of CTE.

"We have already had cases where CTE was expected, but not found in the autopsy," he added. Yeates acknowledged CTE is associated with repeated head injuries over a longer period of time.

"The strongest proponents about CTE and the possible link to contact sports focus on repetitive head impact, rather than concussions themselves."

"What's clear is there are a lot of professional athletes without CTE — we have no idea what proportion of athletes would show it after an autopsy. We don't know why some people are at risk and some aren't," Yeates said.

COUNCIL

Bylaw change for fires



Brodie Thomas
Metro | Calgary

If you want to have a backyard fire, you'll soon have to cover it up with a grill. That's just one of the changes to the Community Standards Bylaw which were approved by council on Monday.

The new bylaws include changes to sound thresholds around concerts and construction, property upkeep, fire pits and non-commercial flyers.

When the bylaws come into effect, anyone with a "No Junk Mail" sticker will also be protected from non-commercial flyers, such as anti-abortion flyers. There are fines for distributing flyers to marked mailboxes.

There was some debate over whether or not fire pit grills would help address the complaints the city gets from residents. Coun. Brian Pincott said council was ignoring the very real problem of wood smoke bothering neighbours. He noted other municipalities have banned outdoor fires to control air quality.

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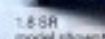
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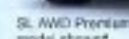
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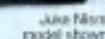
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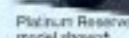
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ELECTION FINANCING

Province targeting campaign spending

Alberta is proposing new rules that would limit spending on political campaigns and cap individual contributions at \$4,000 a year.

Opponents say while the goal is to get big money out of politics, the playing field remains tilted until the government reins in its own spending on advertising.

Christina Gray, minister in charge of democratic renewal,

introduced the changes Monday.

"We are ending the days of backroom deals and pay to play politics," Gray said.

The proposed Fair Elections Financing Act would allow individuals to contribute up to \$4,000 a year to politics. The money would be allowed to go to parties, candidates, constituency associations, leadership and nomination contests.

The current maximum is \$15,000 per contributor per year, doubling to \$30,000 in an election year.

Gray's bill also calls for a spending limit of \$2 million for parties during an election.

Third-party spending couldn't exceed \$150,000 during an election.

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We are ending the days of backroom deals and pay-to-play politics.

Christina Gray

CRIME

Teen allegedly shot sister by accident

Calgary police have charged a teen after he allegedly shot his sister by accident.

At about 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, police were called to a home in the 1900 block of 30 Street S.E., for a report that a woman had been shot.

Officers found the 24-year-old woman inside the home, suffering from an apparent gunshot wound. She was transported to hospital in life-threatening condition, which has now been upgraded to serious, but stable.

The 17-year-old, who was

in the home, was taken into custody for questioning.

Investigators believe the teen was under the influence of drugs and alcohol when he picked up a handgun that he didn't know was loaded. Police believe he accidentally fired it, striking his sister.

He's been charged with careless use of a firearm, pointing a firearm, unauthorized possession of a firearm and knowing possession of a weapon with no registration certificate.

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Alberta on track for \$10.8B deficit: Ceci

FISCAL OUTLOOK

Signs economy hit by low oil, gas prices is stabilizing

Alberta's fiscal outlook for this year is a tiny bit better, but still billions of dollars in the red.

Finance Minister Joe Ceci says the estimated deficit for this year has been revised to \$10.8 billion, slightly lower than the \$10.9 billion forecast three months ago.

"(It's) a small but measurable improvement," Ceci told reporters at the legislature Monday as he gave the second-quarter update for the 2016-17 budget.

Ceci said there are signs that an economy bludgeoned by low oil and gas prices is stabilizing.

Some 25,000 new jobs have been created in the last three months, most in the oil and gas sector, while the housing market stabilizes and the population grows, he said.

Real GDP, which is expected to fall by 2.8 per cent this year due to the effects of last spring's vast Fort McMurray wildfire, is expected to rebound and grow by 2.3 per cent next year, Ceci said.

The fire, which displaced thousands of residents and forced a temporary shutdown of oilsands operations, was blamed in the last update for increasing the projected budget deficit by \$500 million.

Alberta remains mired in an



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25,000

New jobs created in the last three months, most in the oil and gas sector.

economic downturn due to the prolonged slump in oil and gas prices. Thousands of jobs have been lost and the unemployment rate in Calgary is above 10 per cent.

Government expenses this year are forecast to reach \$52.8 billion, which is about \$1.7 billion higher than expected when the budget was introduced in the spring.

Total revenue is pegged at \$42.7 billion, which is \$1.3 billion higher than first estimated.

Corporate income tax revenue, however, now is forecast at \$3.4

\$31.2 billion, with more than \$1 billion spent on debt-servicing costs.

The government's plan is to balance the books by 2024.

Premier Rachel Notley has decided not to slash public-sector jobs or capital spending while it rides out low energy prices.

Critics, however, say the looming debt load — projected to hit \$58 billion by the end of the decade — will punish future generations with debilitating interest payments.

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Calgarian Krissy Irwin, right, said she heard about the lockdown through Ohio State University's Buckeye alerts. CONTRIBUTED

Calgary student safe

OHIO STATE ATTACK

University's community 'reacted in the best way'



Lucie Edwardson
Metro | Calgary

Calgarian Krissy Irwin was studying in her apartment on the south Ohio State University (OSU) campus when an armed assailant attacked nearly a dozen people on the university's north campus Monday morning.

Irwin said she, like all other students, were informed via Buckeye Alerts — emails and text messages — that an attacker was on university property, forcing a lockdown of the north campus.

"I'm absolutely shocked — and grateful my friends are safe," she said.

Around 10:30 local time, the university used its Buckeye Alerts, as well as a series of tweets to tell students and faculty there was an attack happening on campus and they should "Run Hide Fight."

"Run, hide, fight" is standard protocol that means: Run, evacuate if possible;

Hide, get silently out of view; or Fight, as a last resort, take action to disrupt or incapacitate the attacker if your life is in imminent danger.

According to Irwin, some classrooms wouldn't lock, forcing students and faculty to seek safety elsewhere.

"A few couldn't go on lockdown because their classrooms wouldn't lock, so they fled to the nearest off-campus buildings where they knew they'd be safe," she said. "The OSU community reacted in the best way possible, but curiosity and fear are definitely felt right now."

According to hospital officials, eight patients have been received from the scene of the attack — all with non-life threatening injuries.

It's reported that the assailant, who used a butcher knife in the attacks, was shot and killed by police on scene.

Irwin said as far as she can tell, first responders handled the situation in the quickest and best possible fashion.

She said the tight-knit community of OSU will get through this horrific crime together.

"Between social media, the university, and first responders, the campus community couldn't have reacted better to this heart-breaking incident," she said.

BULLYING IN POLITICS

'I left a party; I didn't murder my mother'

A former central Alberta politician says she can empathize with the harassment and online abuse directed at Calgary MLA Sandra Jansen before and after she left the Tories and joined the governing NDP.

Kerry Towle says she received more than 1,000 angry letters and 750 phone calls when she left the Wildrose party to join what was then the Progressive Conservative government two years ago.

She says most of the comments were brutal and in some cases vulgar. Towle says there was even a suggestion her teenage daughter should die.

Jansen dropped out of the Tory leadership race and crossed to the NDP after taunts at a policy convention and social media attacks which she said had become unbearable.

Towle, the former MLA for Innisfail-Sylvan Lake, says she was astounded she could pro-

voke so much hatred when she left the Wildrose for the PCs.

"It was a dangerous time," she said. "I left a party. I didn't murder my mother."

One of her campaign posters for the 2015 election was defaced with the drawing of a penis and a crude suggestion of a sex act she would do to get votes.

Jansen, the MLA for Calgary North West, stood in the legislature last week and recounted some of the language she has

been subjected to since joining the New Democrats. It included terms such as "dumb broad," "traitorous bitch" — and worse.

Towle sees this as a sad commentary on incivility and negativity in the age of social media. She suggests both male and female politicians are targeted by individuals who feel they "own" them, and who react with aggression whenever their representatives act contrary to their wishes.

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Sex-assault poll disturbs brass

MILITARY

Critical survey shows nearly 1,000 reports in just one year

Nearly 1,000 members of Canada's military say they've been sexually assaulted in the past year, according to a landmark survey.

Women in Canada's military remain the target of sexual assaults, unwanted sexual touching, inappropriate sexual innuendo and jokes, according to the newly released survey that reveals top commanders have much work left to improve the culture within the Canadian Armed Forces.

One in 60 regular force members say they've been sexually assaulted in the last year, mostly unwanted sexual touching, but also including attacks and sexual activity without consent.

That works out to about 1.7 per cent of regular forces personnel, higher than the comparable rate of 0.9 per cent for the general population.



Gen. Jonathan Vance addresses the findings of a Statistics Canada Survey on sexual misconduct in the Canadian Armed Forces. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

New statistics released Monday show that women are often the target of misconduct and are four times more likely than men to be assaulted.

In an especially disturbing revelation, almost one-third of women in uniform say they've been the victim

of a sexual assault since they enlisted.

The grim stats are part of a landmark survey by Statistics Canada commissioned by the military to uncover the extent of inappropriate conduct in the ranks.

Some 43,000 military members responded to the volun-

tary survey between April and June and the findings will serve as a benchmark in what promises to be a regular survey to keep tabs on the problems.

Gen. Jonathan Vance, the chief of defence staff, said Monday the findings confirm his decision to launch OP

Honour, the military-wide initiative to stamp out misconduct and improve workplace culture, as one of his first acts upon taking command in July, 2015.

But especially troubling for Vance and his top commanders, is that inappropriate behaviour has continued after the launch of that effort.

Vance renewed his pledge that the military will seek out perpetrators. He said that 30 supervisors and higher rank members have been removed from their command because of misconduct and Vance bluntly said they wouldn't be missed if they left the military entirely.

Vance said he was buoyed by the finding that almost 80 per cent regular force members strongly agreed that complaints about inappropriate sexual behaviour would be taken seriously in their current unit.

But he agreed that more work needs to be done to encourage the victims of sexual assault and misbehaviour to report incidents to their superiors or the police.

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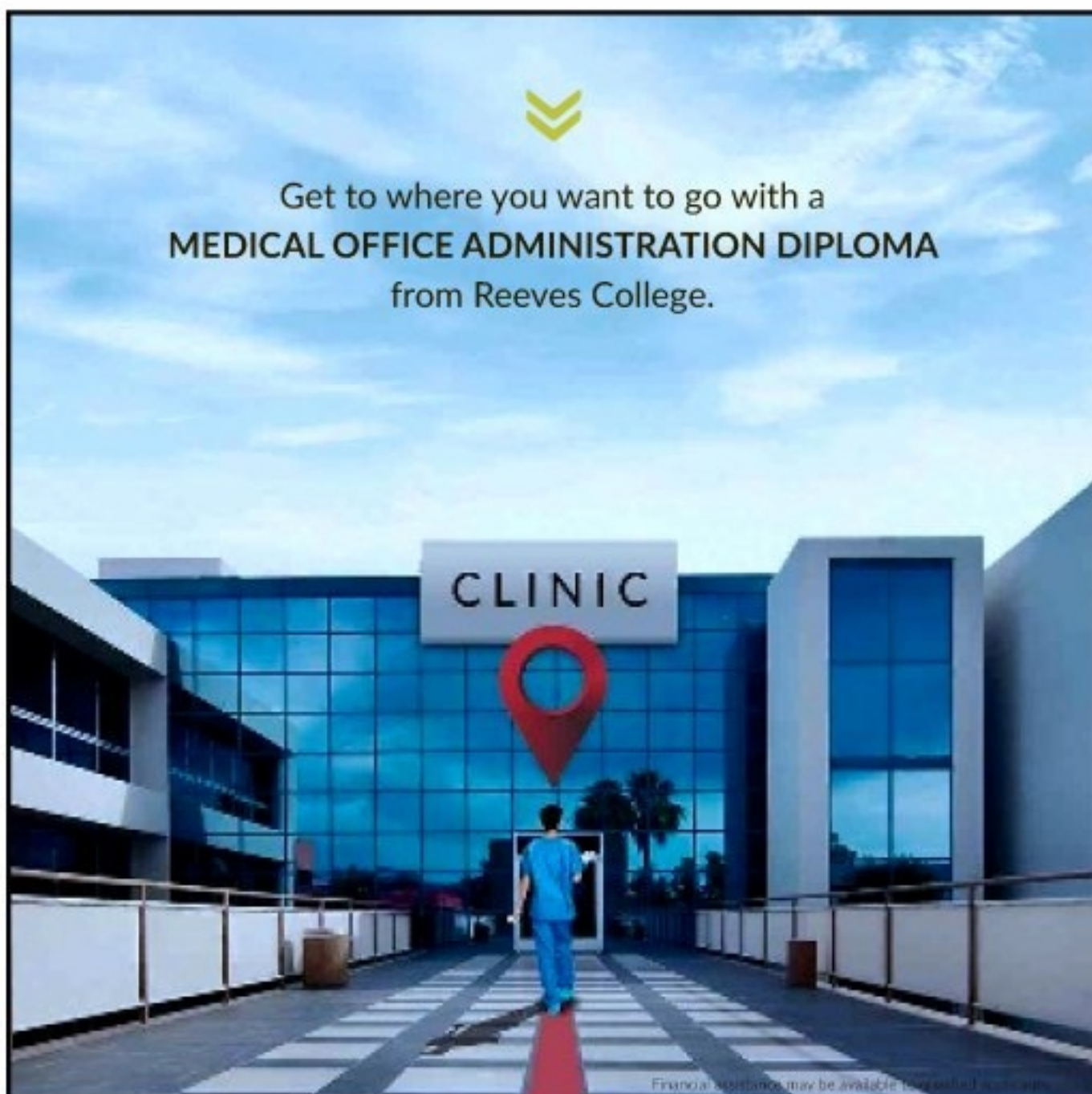
By the numbers

49 per cent of women who were sexually assaulted in the last 12 months identified their supervisor or someone of higher ranks as the perpetrator. For men, a peer was commonly the perpetrator. Among regular force members, **27.3 per cent** of women and **3.8 per cent** of men have been victims of sexual assault at least once since joining the Canadian Armed Forces. Unwanted sexual touching was the most common type of assault.

Four in five members of the regular forces saw, heard or were personally targeted by sexualized behaviour in the military. The most common behaviour were sexual jokes and inappropriate sexual comments, but the complaints also included indecent exposure.

Close to **one in five** regular force members were personally targeted by sexualized or discriminatory behaviour in the past 12 months. **Women were twice as likely** as men to being the target of such behaviour.

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CBC asking feds for \$400M to go ad-free

The CBC is asking for an increase of roughly \$400 million in government funding to go ad-free on all platforms.

A proposal paper posted to the national broadcaster's website outlines how the CBC/Radio-Canada wants to follow the example of the BBC, Britain's national broadcaster, and be fully funded by the federal government instead of partially relying on ad revenue.

The CBC "has always been funded at a per person level that is significantly lower than ... almost all other comparable public broadcasters," the paper notes, pointing out that the

BBC receives \$114 per citizen while the CBC only gets \$34.

The paper proposes a \$12 increase to bring the amount it receives from each Canadian to \$46, a price it says is "still well below comparable countries."

"The BBC offers a compelling example of how a strong, stable, well-funded public broadcaster can serve the interests of domestic audiences and diverse communities, support the global ambitions of its creative and cultural sectors, and provide a strong foundation for Britain's creative economy," the paper says.

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ELECTIONS

We're ho-hum on reform



Wanyee Li
Metro | Vancouver

Canadians are open to the idea of electoral reform, but in no rush to see actual change in the way they cast their votes, according to a new Angus Reid Institute poll.

About 72 per cent of respondents said they believe an electoral system that better

reflects popular support would increase voter turnout, but only 37 per cent said they are in support of actually changing the system.

"There is some openness, some acknowledgement of the potential benefits of changing, but that doesn't exactly equal a wholesale national call for electoral reform," explained Shachi Kurl, executive director of the Angus Reid Institute.

IN BRIEF

Man threatened to blow up woman to join Daesh

A Quebec man threatened to kill his girlfriend and her son with a car bomb if his plans to join Daesh and reunite with his family in Syria were revealed to the police, the man's criminal trial has heard.

Ismael Habib is the first Canadian to face trial on charges of attempting to leave Canada to join a terrorist group after he was arrested last March by the RCMP. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

10K cattle face slaughter

Federal officials say at least 10,000 cattle are going to slaughter as a result of a bovine tuberculosis outbreak in Western Canada.

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency says the animals are considered "high risk" for contracting or transmitting the infectious disease, even though only six cattle have tested positive for bovine TB since the first case was confirmed in September.

The agency last week declared six properties among those considered as high risk for transmission, but added 12 more farms to the expanding list today.

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Justin Trudeau speaks at a news conference in Antananarivo, Madagascar, on Sunday. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Trudeau to skip Castro memorials

POLITICS

PM has taken heat for praise of late Cuban dictator

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's office says he won't be attending any memorial or funeral services for the late Cuban leader Fidel Castro, saying his schedule wouldn't allow him to attend.

Instead, Trudeau has dispatched Governor-General David Johnston to attend a memorial service scheduled to take place Tuesday in Havana. The PMO would not say if any other representatives would attend memorial services or Castro's funeral.

Trudeau's decision follows harsh criticism at home and abroad for a laudatory statement issued on the weekend

that praised the dictator's legacy.

Trudeau's statement expressed "deep sorrow" about the death of Castro, 90, without mentioning the human rights violations of his regime beyond referring vaguely to him as "a controversial figure." Trudeau also described Castro as a "legendary revolutionary and orator" who made significant improvements to the education and health-care systems of Cuba.

Trudeau defended his statement by saying he was trying to highlight the connections between Canada and Cuba.

The Opposition Conservatives took Trudeau to task Monday in the House of Commons, urging him to amend his written statement after agreeing in a news conference Sunday that Castro was a dictator.

The Tories demanded Trudeau apologize for trying to whitewash Castro's past.

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IN BRIEF

Senate cautions against Africa peacekeeping

A new report is raising serious questions about the risks of deploying Canadian military and police officers to a UN peace operation in Africa, recommending Parliament should have a say on whether it proceeds.

The report issued Monday by the Senate standing committee on national security and defence says

the government should seek approval for a deployment of personnel, and only after the government reveals the anticipated cost, the rules of engagement for how Canadian soldiers will defend themselves, the impact on current military operations, a timetable for when a mission would end, and a clear plan for how soldiers would be counselled after returning.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Air Force pilot dies in fighter jet crash

The pilot of a CF-18 fighter jet that crashed near the Alberta-Saskatchewan border has died.

The Air Force said the single-seat fighter was based out of Canadian Forces Base Cold Lake in northeastern Alberta and went down Monday morning on the Saskatchewan side of the Cold Lake Air Weapons Range. The range covers almost 30,000 square kilometres across the two provinces.

The pilot was not identified pending notification of next of kin.

Speaking in Ottawa, Air Force commander Lt.-Gen. Michael Hood said the plane

crashed during a routine training mission by 401 Squadron, one of two CF-18 squadrons at the Cold Lake base. The base is the busiest

fighter base in the country and provides fighter pilot training for all Canadian Forces pilots.

"It's a very, very sad day for

the RCAF and our hearts go out to the family of our fallen member," Hood said. "More details



It's a very, very sad day for the RCAF.

Lt.-Gen. Michael Hood

forces to do every day."

Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan said he couldn't speculate on what caused the crash. A

flight safety investigation is to look into what went wrong.

"It's too preliminary to make any type of judgement or conclusions," Sajjan said.

"The best thing we can do right now is give the Air Force and the Canadian Armed Forces the space to do the necessary work and then we will have more to say about that."

Conservative Opposition Leader Rona Ambrose, along with defence critics, also offered condolences.

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JAPAN SOMETHING FISHY An amusement park in Japan sparked an uproar after it displayed about 5,000 dead fish in the ice at a skating rink, forcing the park to close the attraction. About 25 different kinds of fish could be seen under the 250-metre-long ice circuit. The park in of Kitakyushu opened the "Ice Aquarium" as an "attraction never heard about." FACEBOOK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Officer hailed for speedy takedown

OHIO STATE

Assailant killed a minute after attack began with car, knife

Officials on Monday praised an Ohio State University police officer who shot and killed a man a minute after the assailant drove his car into a crowd and stabbed multiple people.

Officer Alan Horujko, who started on the university police force in January 2015, was responding to reports of a nearby gas leak when the car jumped a curb on campus at 9:52 a.m.

Horujko ordered the attacker, Abdul Razak Ali Artan, to drop the knife and then shot him when he didn't obey the command, university president Michael Drake said.

"The officer encountered the individual by 9:53; the subject was neutralized by 9:53," Drake



Nicholas Flores grieves during an attack at Ohio State on Monday in Columbus. ADAM CAIRNS/COLUMBUS DISPATCH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

said, underscoring how quickly events unfolded.

Horujko is owed a debt of gratitude, said Monica Moll, director of Ohio State's Department of Public Safety.

"He did a fabulous job today," she said.

University police Chief Craig Stone said it was fortunate the officer had gone to investigate the leak, which positioned him to respond to the attack so quickly.

Eleven people were hurt in the attack. Police said they were investigating whether it was ter-



Alan Horujko
OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY
POLICE VIA THE AP

rorism.

Artan was born in Somalia and was a legal permanent U.S. resident, according to a U.S. official who wasn't authorized

to discuss the case and spoke on the condition of anonymity.

Mayor Andrew Ginther called Horujko an "outstanding young law-enforcement officer."

"There has never been a more dangerous or complicated and challenging time to be a police officer, and we had a dynamic well-trained professional today save the lives of many of our residents and students," said Ginther.

Horujko, 28, was placed on administrative leave Monday. Horujko appears to be an avid runner, with several half-marathons under his belt, according to online results. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Word of the year a sign of the times

You might have thought about it, heard it. A lot. You might have even felt it: Dictionary.com's word of the year is "xenophobia."

While it's difficult to get at exactly why people look up words in dictionaries, online or on paper, it's clear that in contentious 2016, fear of "otherness" bruised the collective consciousness around the globe.

The Brexit vote, police violence against people of colour, Syria's refugee crisis, transsexual rights and the rise of Donald Trump in the U.S. presidential

race were among prominent developments that drove debate — and spikes in lookups — of the word, said Jane Solomon, one of the site's lexicographers.

The 21-year-old site defines xenophobia as "fear or hatred of foreigners, people from different cultures, or strangers." And it plans to expand its entry to include fear or dislike of "customs, dress and cultures of people with backgrounds different from our own," Solomon said in a recent interview.

The interest was clear June 24, within a period that rep-

resents the largest spike in lookups of xenophobia so far this year. That was the day of Brexit, when the U.K. voted to leave the EU.

Searches for xenophobia on the site increased by 938 per cent from June 22 to June 24, Solomon said.

They spiked again after President Barack Obama's June 29 speech in which he said Trump's campaign rhetoric was not a measure of "populism," but rather "nativism, or xenophobia, or worse."

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PAUL WELLS ON WHAT CASTRO LEFT BEHIND

Canadians not named Trudeau will probably continue to watch Cuba as we have for decades, unsure or divided in our response.



I want to talk about the rest of Canada's weird, hesitant relationship with Cuba. But first, since I'm just getting to it now, a few words about Justin Trudeau and Fidel Castro.

We haven't seen Justin Trudeau mourn like this since his dad died. In expressing his "deep sorrow" at the death of Castro, a "larger than life" figure whom Trudeau lauded as "a legendary orator."

Sorry, let's just pause right there. Legendary orator? On Sept. 26, 1960, Castro addressed the United Nations General Assembly for four and a half hours, a record unchallenged to this day in the most boring room on Earth. In 1998 in Havana he spoke for seven and a half hours. Calling Castro a great orator is like calling porn legend Ron Jeremy a romantic: It confuses volume with quality.

Onward. Trudeau lauded Castro's "tremendous dedication and love for the Cuban people," whose speech and dietary protein Castro rationed, by law, for decades. I guess it was tough love.

To be sure, Trudeau balanced his praise with criticism. "During Castro's rule, thousands of Cubans were incarcerated in abysmal prisons, thousands more were harassed and intimidated, and entire generations were denied basic political freedoms," the prime minister wrote. Just kidding! No, that last quote isn't from Justin Trudeau at all. It's from Human Rights Watch. As for the PM, in a communiqué overflowing with praise for Castro, he could find room for only one word about the

Probably most Canadians have long known that Cubans don't have the government we would want for them.

Cuban dictator's human-rights record: "controversial."

Nor can the PM's defenders long sustain the notion that his statement must have been penned by some careless lackey in the PMO. No, the communiqué is too solidly in line with the entire Trudeau family's record on the man to be anything but an honest reflection of Justin Trudeau's thought.

Castro was a pallbearer at

But the rest of us — we cold and bashful Canadians — will probably continue to watch Cuba as we have for decades, unsure or divided in our response to events in the land Fidel Castro leaves behind.

Exhibit A in the theatre of ambivalence is Justin Trudeau's predecessor. Stephen Harper met Raul Castro, Fidel's brother and still the president of Cuba, only 19 months ago, attending what would be

expand."

True, Harper managed to resist marvelling at Castro's charm, oratorical skill, grasp of physics or deep-diving skills, further evidence, if any were needed, that he's no Trudeau.

But Harper's meeting with Cuba's president — only three years after he had blocked Cuban participation at the previous Summit of the Americas — was of a piece with his decision to let Canada be the venue for crucial secret meetings between the Castro regime and the Obama administration.

In both cases, Harper was more eager to get along with the Cubans than to be seen getting along with them.

Why advertise the thaw? A million Canadians a year visit Cuba to enjoy gorgeous beaches and groaning buffets at all-inclusive resorts from which most Cubans remain banned. One winter more than a decade ago, I was one of them. But millions more refuse, even today, to make the trip, believing each dollar they spent would help prop up a corrupt regime.

Probably most Canadians not named Trudeau have long known that Cubans did not have the government Canadians would want for them — and, indeed, not the government Cubans would choose, were they granted the freedom to change their minds about the revolution. But that knowledge doesn't tell us which mix of engagement and isolation is wisest.

Having blown some political capital by saying what he thinks, Trudeau is now going to skip Fidel's funeral. It's a retreat to ambivalence dictated by a public outcry that must have astonished the prime minister, who grew up with a photo of Fidel Castro in his family's home and thought, perhaps, that everybody did.

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SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP Former prime minister Pierre Trudeau looks on as Cuban President Fidel Castro gestures during a visit to a Havana in 1976 THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Pierre Trudeau's funeral. The PM's brother Alexandre Trudeau wrote in the Toronto Star a decade ago that Castro was "something of a superman," whose "intellect is one of the most broad and complete that can be found." Alexandre Trudeau wrote that he "grew up knowing that Fidel Castro had a special place among my family's friends," even if ordinary Cubans "do occasionally complain, often as an adolescent might complain about a too strict and demanding father."

One notes family similarities in prose style.

So a prime minister who claims to prize evidence-based policy was caught putting family connections ahead of the exhaustively documented abuses of a man whose death marks a crucial step in his own people's long-delayed march toward freedom.

Harper's last Summit of the Americas in Panama City. The two men sat smiling awkwardly at each other in hard-backed chairs around a little table.

But reporters covering the summit had to find the photo on the website of Granma, the official Cuban Communist newspaper. Canadian reporters weren't told of the meeting by Harper's staff until they found proof of it on the Castro family's propaganda website.

At his summit-closing news conference, Harper said that for Canada and Cuba, "we're at a point where engagement is more likely to lead us to where we want to go than continued isolation." He said he and Raul Castro had discussed the two nations' "important and long-standing relationship. It's a political relationship, a tourist relationship and commercial relationship to some degree — one that we want to

Nenshi is formidable but not unbeatable



Darren Krause
Metro | Calgary

Though Calgary mayor Naheed Nenshi is still enjoying strong support, according to a recent poll, it's lower than past surveys, and it could mean one thing: he's vulnerable.

Despite this, there are no legitimate challengers to Nenshi's purple reign.

The most recent Mainstreet poll, done for Postmedia, showed Nenshi's approval rating at 57 per cent, markedly lower than the 69 that a ThinkHQ/Metro Calgary poll showed in March, but equal to a Mainstreet poll result from June 2015. In March 2014, Nenshi was at the peak of approval, according to ThinkHQ, at 71 per cent, after being re-elected with 74 per cent of the vote in 2013.

While Mainstreet's Quito Maggi said that this is still a strong number for any politician, the disapproval rating jumped four per cent and the percentage of Calgarians who "strongly approve" of mayor Nenshi's performance dropped from 38 to 24.

There's no doubt that, as with Premier Rachel Notley's popularity nosedive, Nenshi's dealing with a restive electorate suffering from the province's economic malaise.

But some things have dogged the mayor for a while, including secondary suites and the Uber matter (now solved, it appears). And he's had some run-ins with folks due to his proclivity for social media debate.

Sometimes the citizenry tires of the same person leading their city, and in times of economic woe, they're looking for a bit of a spark.

It's the same spark Nenshi

gave this city while campaigning in 2010.

We're 11 months from a civic election, but names of challengers should have popped up by now. Fundraising needs to be done (a \$1-million war chest is essential to making a serious run for mayor given the long odds) and name recognition needs to be built, yet we hear nothing on important matters from even the meekest of combatants.

I probably don't need to lecture you on the importance of having a credible opposition in any election. Thanks to the late Jon Lord, who campaigned as the primary opposing voice to Nenshi in 2013, Calgary voters at least had a viable option. As of Nov. 29, 2016, I'm not sure we even have a Jon Lord equivalent ready to go.

That's alarming to me.

Aside from Mississauga's Hazel McCallion, who was acclaimed twice in her 36-year tenure as mayor, you'd be hard pressed to find any major Canadian city in recent memory where a mayor was essentially given the keys to the office without a vote.

Sure, there will be the usual cast of folks who pop up without a snowball's chance in you-know-where of being elected, but no one to stand opposite Mayor Nenshi.

A healthy and engaged democracy relies on two or more political gladiators ready for an ideological slugfest vying for leadership.

Mayor Nenshi is no doubt a daunting foe, a Goliath who has yet to meet a David.

But these recent Mainstreet poll results, more than ever, show that the right person might be able to expose the mayor's vulnerability and give him a run for the biggest job in town.

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VASECTOMIES

Permanent birth control access unequal among genders

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For Torstar News Service

Andy Prosserman will never be a father — and he couldn't be more delighted.

The 31-year-old Torontonian commemorated his recent vasectomy with a celebratory photo shoot. In one photo, he tenderly cradles a head of kale like a green, leafy infant. In others, he clutches a bottle of scotch, a Nintendo controller, and his Canadian passport — all things he'll have time to enjoy in the absence of parental responsibilities.

"I've known I didn't want to be a father as far back as I can remember," says Prosserman. "I'd thought about getting a vasectomy when I was in my early 20s. I chose not to do it at that point because I knew things could change and that it would've been irresponsible to do it that young, but I've always assumed I'd do it at some point.



Andy Prosserman, 31, commemorates his recent vasectomy with a celebratory photo shoot.

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And here we are."

Unlike Prosserman, Cam Nursall came to this realization gradually.

"I have zero paternal instinct," says the 25-year-old, currently in consultation for a vasectomy. "I want to travel, I want to open a small brewery, I want to ride across the continent on my motorcycle, and kids just don't fit into that."

The choice about whether or not to have children is among the most important we make. If parenthood is ultimately not for us, there are myriad options available to us, including permanent sterilization.

But young people's choices

about their own bodies and futures aren't always taken seriously — especially the choices of young women.

Samantha Bleiziffer, 27, is certain she does not want to be a mother and would get a tubal ligation if she could.

"I can't even seem to find a doctor who will sit down and discuss the options with me, like an adult with autonomy over what happens to her body," says Bleiziffer.

"I first tried talking to my family doctor about it when I was 25, because I wanted information on the process and the risks. I was very quickly denied the conversation. My next



I don't think it's selfish to know what I want from my life.
Samantha Bleiziffer K

attempt was at 26, where the doctor at a private women's health clinic denied me the same information and conversation."

Compare this with Prosserman's experience — his vasectomy took place two months after putting in an initial request with his GP.

Tubal ligations are irreversible and more invasive than vasectomies, but this informal double standard is frustrating for young Canadian women certain of their decision.

The current summary guidelines from the Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada (SOGC) state: "Before providing permanent contraception, women should be counselled on the risks of the procedure, the risk of regret, and alternative contraceptive methods, including long-acting reversible contraceptives and male vasectomy. Informed consent must be obtained."

Despite this, several women I've spoken to were stonewalled

by health-care providers when requesting information on tubal ligations. Physicians seem especially reluctant to offer it to women in their 20s, like Bleiziffer.

According to Christine Butt, communications and public education representative for the SOGC, there is a technical update for permanent birth control underway, but it is not yet finalized or ready to be made public.

Having children remains the default setting and status quo. Young people who are open or vocal about not wanting them sometimes face criticism and even anger from family, peers and strangers.

One of the more common criticisms they face is that choosing not to have children makes them selfish.

"Having children can be beautiful, but that doesn't mean it's for everybody," says Prosserman. "The only thing that's selfish is forcing your own ideals onto others."

"I don't think it's selfish to know what I want from my life, and if not being a mother is a part of that plan, it truly doesn't concern anybody but me and my partner," Bleiziffer says. "I don't critique anybody's choice to procreate and have kids. All I want is the same respect for my choice."



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JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

Anatomy of a non-murder

THE SHOW: Amanda Knox
THE MOMENT: The real guilty parties

Giuliano Mignini, the head cop in the 2007 murder case of British student Meredith Kercher in Perugia, Italy, tells the camera why he was convinced that Kercher's roommate, American student Amanda Knox, was the killer.

"Let's imagine what Meredith found when she came home," he says, just making stuff up. "She sees Amanda with Raffaele Sollecito and Rudy Guede," about to have sex. "She couldn't take it anymore. She must have scolded Amanda for her lack of morals. Amanda must have felt irritated, humiliated."

How he knows what either woman "must have felt," he never explains.

Then one of the lead reporters on the story, Daily Mail freelancer Nick Pisa — who printed whatever Mignini fed him — chirps, "I don't think I ever had so many front pages," while copies of his headlines appear onscreen: "Man-Eater," "Femme Fatale."



Daily Mail freelancer Nick Pisa CONTRIBUTED

Eventually Knox was acquitted and Kercher's murderer was found. But the two jackasses above are guilty as sin for their campaign of lies and innuendo. Their crap kept Knox on trial for eight years, until the case arrived before the supreme court of Italy, which overturned her conviction based on the "stunning flaws" in Mignini's investigation.

As we've seen in the recent U.S. election, people will believe even the most ludicrous

misinformation if you repeat it often and loudly enough. Watching this doc, you can't help but shiver: Take one crooked cop, introduce him to one shameless reporter, whip up some nasty public opinion and you can destroy the life of literally anyone. Amanda Knox is streaming on Netflix.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

GOSSIP BRIEFS

William supports brother Harry's call for privacy
Prince William has supported his brother Prince Harry who has called for restraint in coverage of his private life.

The comments were made after a newspaper suggested that William disagreed with Harry's decision to publicly complain about coverage of his relationship with new girlfriend Meghan Markle, an American actress. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Singer Ed Sheeran's face slashed in royal farce

Social media is heaping scorn on Princess Beatrice after she reportedly slashed singer Ed Sheeran in the face with a ceremonial sword as she pretended to knight James Blunt at the Royal Lodge in Windsor, England.

After singer-songwriter Blunt joked he'd like to become "Sir James," the Princess, 28, swung a sword to pretend-knight him. Unfortunately, the sword was not Blunt — and caught Sheeran in the face.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Bad change burns Flames

NHL Islanders take advantage of miscue in OT

Thomas Hickey scored 3:07 into overtime, helping the New York Islanders again find their footing at home with a 2-1 win over the Calgary Flames on Monday night.

With the Flames caught in an awkward change after Michael Frolik broke his stick, captain John Tavares wheeled around the zone and then backhanded one that Hickey tipped past Brian Elliott.

Tavares also scored in the first period.

Thomas Greiss stopped 25 shots for the Islanders, standing tall during a barrage late in the second period before allowing Sean Monahan's tying goal 5:51 into the third.

New York rebounded from a wild, frustrating three-game trip to the West Coast. They beat Anaheim in a 14-round shootout but then lost twice on goals in the final three minutes of regulation against Los Angeles and San Jose.

Last-place New York is just 1-6-1 on the road but remains respectable in Brooklyn, improving to 6-4-3 at Barclays Center.

Elliott made 25 saves and lost his seventh straight start. He was acquired from St. Louis over the summer to be Calgary's primary goalie but had sat three straight games in favour of journeyman Chad Johnson.



Flames defenceman Mark Giordano is tripped by the Islanders' Brock Nelson on Monday night. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

Calgary finished a six-game, nine-day trip 3-2-1. The Flames fought fatigue in a 5-2 loss to the Flyers on Sunday and didn't show much life early in this one.

Both teams flailed through a mostly dull first period, each getting one shot on goal in the first five minutes, and Calgary finished with just four in the first 20 minutes.

Josh Bailey and Tavares teamed up for a 1-0 lead 7:28 in.

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Bailey rushed into the middle of the zone, turned left in the high slot, and then delivered a no-look, backhand pass for Tavares, who shot over Elliott's shoulder from the right side for

his sixth of the season.

The goal started a strong stretch by New York, and the Islanders had a few near misses later in the first, including a shot off the post from Cal Clutterbuck with about six minutes left.

Calgary made a push in the second period but got stalled by solid goaltending. Greiss gloved Michael Ferland's shot on a rush and got his pad on a chance by Sam Bennett around

the midpoint of the period. Later, he stopped Matt Stajan on a breakaway and Alex Chiosson on a heavy one-timer about 15 seconds apart.

The Islanders have won five straight over the Flames and improved to 17-1-3 against Western Conference foes at Barclays Center.

The Flames will host the Toronto Maple Leafs on Wednesday night to begin a three-game homestand. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Baseball representatives to meet about new CBA

Negotiators for baseball players and owners are meeting this week in Irving, Texas, in an attempt to reach agreement on a collective bargaining agreement to replace the five-year contract that expires Thursday. After eight work stoppages from 1972-95, baseball has had 21 years of labour peace. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Holocaust ice dance routine sparks outrage

Olympic ice-dancing gold medallist Tatiana Navka and dancing partner Andrei Burkovsky have caused controversy by dressing up in concentration camp uniforms for a routine on a popular television show in Russia.

The pair dressed in striped uniforms bearing yellow six-pointed stars and heavily made-up to look bruised and frail. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Raps ride Lowry's golden touch to rout of 76ers

Kyle Lowry was perfect from three-point range in a 24-point performance on Monday, leading the Toronto Raptors to a 122-95 victory over the Philadelphia 76ers.

Lowry is the first player in Raptors history to shoot 6-for-6 from beyond the arc. The two-time all-star also dished out six assists in Toronto's 13th consecutive victory over the Sixers. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Dickenson left to dissect decisions

2016 GREY CUP

Crucial late call likened to Seattle's Super Bowl gaffe

Calgary Stampeders rookie head coach Dave Dickenson pressed all the right buttons during his team's remarkable CFL season.

He led Calgary to a CFL-best 15-2-1 mark, the 15 victories a single-season league record for a first-year head coach. He was the overwhelming choice as coach of the year in voting by the Football Reporters of Canada and his coaching peers.

But with the Grey Cup on the line Sunday, Dickenson left himself wide open to be second-guessed.

After trailing Ottawa 27-7 in the third quarter, Calgary had whittled the deficit to 33-30 late in regulation. And the CFL's most potent offence, anchored by league most outstanding player Bo Levi Mitchell at quarterback and rushing leader Jerome Messam, was second-and-goal at the Redblacks' two-yard line.

Dickenson decided to go with his short-yardage team, replacing Mitchell with Canadian rookie Andrew Buckley and moving the six-foot-three, 254-pound Messam — the CFL's top Canadian this season — up front to provide blocking support. The move wasn't without logic as the six-foot, 203-pound Buckley had eight rushing TDs on the year and scored on a one-yard



Dave Dickenson subbed out CFL most outstanding player Bo Levi Mitchell with the Grey Cup game on the line on Sunday night in Toronto. RYAN REMIOWZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

run earlier in the game.

This time, though, Abdul Kanneh tackled Buckley for a one-yard loss and Calgary had to settle for a field goal to force overtime. Game MVP Henry Burris opened the extra session with an 18-yard TD strike to Ernest Jackson before the Redblacks' defence clinched the improbable 39-33 win by forcing Calgary's offence to go three-and-out.

The burning question was why, with the game on the line, didn't Dickenson call on Messam, who'd scored 11 rushing TDs during the regular season? Also, it was Messam's six-yard run that put Calgary at the Ottawa two-yard line.

Dickenson's decision was similar to the one head coach Pete Carroll made in Seattle's 28-24 Super Bowl loss to New England on Feb. 1, 2015. Trailing 28-24, Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson tried passing for the go-ahead touchdown rather than hand off to Marshawn Lynch, who had run for 102 yards in the game.

The move backfired as Malcolm Butler's interception preserved New England's victory. But unlike Dickenson, Carroll didn't take the league MVP out of the game and replace him with a first-year quarterback.

"I was going to either throw the ball or work a play that we had dialed up," Dickenson said. "I regret that call."

"I felt very confident that even if we went to overtime, I thought we had the momentum so I felt OK with kicking the field goal."

Mitchell finished 28 of 41 passing for 391 yards and two TDs but also threw three interceptions after having just eight in the regular season. Still, Mitchell felt he and Messam should have been given the opportunity to deliver the victory.

"Ball's got to be in my hands and (Messam's)," he said.

On Monday, Messam tweeted: "Thank you for all the support but the game was bigger than one play. What's done is done and today is a new day #wellbe-back." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Desjardins keeps his Grey Cup promise

Ottawa Redblacks general manager Marcel Desjardins was right.

Desjardins surprised many at his first news conference as Redblacks GM in 2013 when he laid out lofty expectations for the expansion franchise.

"It's going to be a process," he said at his introduction. "I would say hopefully that by the second year we're more competitive and the third year we're competing for a playoff spot if not a Grey Cup."

Three years later, Desjardins addressed media again as architect of a Grey Cup champion after the Redblacks defeated the heavily favoured Calgary Stampeders 39-33 in overtime on Sunday in the 104th CFL final.

Reminded of his comments on Monday, Desjardins reflected on the past three years and the growth of the Redblacks.

"I certainly thought it was possible," said Desjardins. "We matured last year even though we lost, but I think that gave us some resolve in terms of what it would take to take that final step and fortunate to get it done (Sunday)."

While much of the credit for the Redblacks' achievements goes to coach Rick Campbell and veteran quarterback Henry Burris, Desjardins was instrumental to the Redblacks' overall success.

Desjardins was involved in every decision from the selection of Campbell to the signing of players and the development of the franchise from the ground up.

The result was Ottawa winning its first CFL title since the Rough Riders were victorious in 1976. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Henry Burris
GETTY IMAGES

Now I know how the Seahawks feel.
Stampeders receiver Marquay McDaniel

NFL

Brady 'fish out of water' on blocking

Finally, there's a hole in Tom Brady's game. The four-time Super Bowl champion admitted Monday that he's a little lost when called upon to block for his teammates, saying he's "really a fish out of water when I'm out there."

"(I) don't even know what to do when I get out there," the Patriots quarterback said in a radio interview a day after leading New England to a 22-17 win over the New York Jets. "I'm looking



Tom Brady
GETTY IMAGES

around at bodies, really a fish out of water when I'm out there. Things happen so fast."

Despite missing two days of practice with a sore knee, Brady completed 30 of 50 passes for 286 yards and two touchdowns on Sunday, becoming the fifth NFL player to surpass 60,000 yards passing. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NFL IN BRIEF

Broncos stand behind Kubiak's field goal call

Nobody at Denver Broncos headquarters is second-guessing Gary Kubiak's ill-fated decision to try a 62-yard field goal even though Brandon McManus' miss gave Kansas City a short field to win it as overtime expired.

"We're in this game to WIN," general manager John Elway tweeted Monday.

"Although everyone's disappointed, we played hard and went down swinging!!!!"

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



It can't get any worse.

Rookie wide receiver Corey Coleman of the Cleveland Browns, who have lost 12 straight going into a bye week

MAKE IT TONIGHT

Cheesy French Onion Soup



PHOTO: MAYA VISNVEI

Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

The debate should be over the cheese to crouton ratio in this pub favourite.

Ready in 30 minutes

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 20 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients

- 2 onions, thinly sliced
- 1 clove of garlic, minced
- 2 Tbsp butter
- 2 tsp sugar
- 1 Tbsp fresh thyme
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 Tbsp flour
- 1 Tbsp balsamic vinegar
- 4 cups beef stock
- half a stick of baguette
- 1 cup grated Gruyère and Parmesan mixed

Directions

1. In a Dutch oven, melt but-

ter and toss onion slices, garlic, sugar, thyme and pinch of salt and pepper. Cook over medium low heat for 15 to 20 minutes, stirring frequently, until onions soften.

2. Sprinkle the flour over the onion mixture and stir. Add the vinegar and a cup of stock. Stir well, scraping the bottom of the pot to deglaze. Add the rest of the stock and simmer for 10 minutes.

3. Turn your oven onto broil. Cut bread into 1-inch thick slices. Cut as many slices as bowls of soup you'll be serving. Lay them on a cookie sheet and put a layer of the cheese mix on each piece. Broil in oven until cheese melts and bread is golden brown.

4. Remove bread from oven and cut into pieces. Ladle the soup into bowls and top with a slice of bread's worth of croutons.

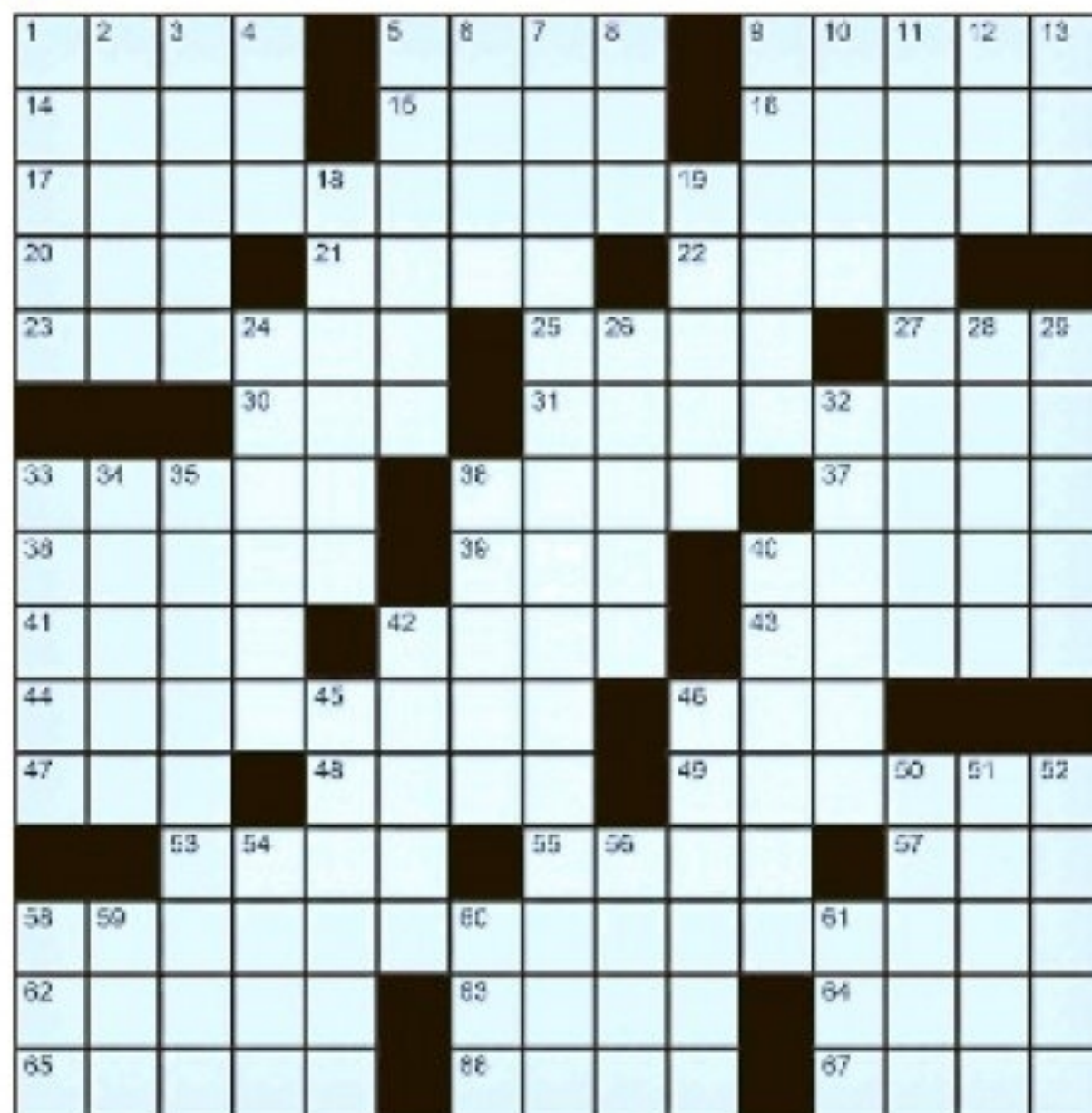
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ACROSS

1. Club drink
5. Abundant
9. Eclipse variety
14. Above
15. Adjoin
16. Cartoon style of Japan
17. Like a movie or TV production with an East Coast setting, maybe: 3 wds.
20. Carpenter
21. Conceal
22. Intensely dislike
23. Harvester
25. Space: Primordial matter
27. Li'l photo taker
30. Entries
31. Item worn under a sheer blouse
33. Newfoundland's Banks
36. Novembre, par exemple
37. Rapper, T-
38. Sloughs off, States-style
39. Every
40. Chatters
41. X- knife
42. NBC personality Ms. Kotb
43. Milo of "Romeo and Juliet" (1968)
44. Wintertime hazard: 2 wds.
46. "The _ of Us" (1994)
47. Mr. David of "Curb Your Enthusiasm", to pals
48. Put on _ (Complete the suit look)
49. Ludicrous
53. South's opposite ... as a typo
55. Singer sampled on



- Eminem's "Stan"
57. Philosopher, _-tzu
58. Realm for Canadian food brands Clover Leaf and Brunswick: 2 wds.
62. "Weird Al" Yankovic spoof hit: 2 wds.
63. Indigo dye

64. Bark's coveree
65. Rosebud, and others
66. Ms. Hudson
67. Wool

DOWN

1. Up to now: 2 wds.
2. Sheep-like

3. Northwest Territories... Mackenzie
4. Fortify
5. Devices for detecting
6. "Sacred" bird of ancient Egypt
7. 1989 chart-topper for American rapper Tone-Lo: 3 wds.

8. Shakespearean suffix
9. Submarine meat layer
10. Taking action: 2 wds.
11. Pro to counsel with about goals and challenges: 2 wds.
12. "I _ Thief" (1934)

- starring Mary Astor
13. Pal to Fido or Rover
18. Alters the text
19. "Pardon me..." [pl.]
24. Patchy-coated horses
26. "Dancing with the Stars" alum Ms. Ali
28. Similar
29. High IQ society
32. Cramps
33. Google service
34. Mo _ (Correspondent on CBS' "Sunday Morning")
35. Interchange
36. New Zealand language
40. BC: Community on Cowichan Lake
42. _-tro
45. Futuristic cards at the carnival
46. Aerosmith: "Back in the _"
50. Ne plus _ (Perfection)
51. Less grilled at the steakhouse
52. Respected group member
54. Wizard _ (Comic strip)
56. 'A' of Vivica A. Fox or 'J' of Michael J. Fox, briefly
58. The Outsiders author Ms. Hinton's
59. 'Ether' ender
60. Fargo, North _
61. Farm enclosure

* IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
An unexpected flirtation with a boss or someone in authority might occur today. Certainly, right out of the blue, people in power are impressed with you for some reason!

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Unexpected opportunities to travel might fall into your lap today. Act quickly, because this window of opportunity will be brief. Flirtations with someone different also might excite you.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Surprise gifts, goodies and favors from others can come your way today. If this happens, say "yes" — quickly! Keep your pockets open

Cancer June 22 - July 23
A friend or partner might please you in an unexpected way today. He or she might even sweep you off your feet. Be open to whatever happens.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Unexpected praise and possibly a raise will come your way at work today. For some reason, people admire you. Just say, "Thank you!" This is your good fortune.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
A surprise invitation to a fun event will please you today. Likewise, an unexpected flirtation might amaze you. Sports events will have unexpected results. Meanwhile, because this is a mildly accident-prone day for your kids, be vigilant.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You might unexpectedly entertain at home today, or you might buy something beautiful for your home. Real-estate opportunities look good as well.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
This is an enjoyable, exciting day because you're meeting new people and seeing new places. You're also full of clever, bright new ideas! It's a strong day for writers, salespeople, actors and teachers.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Many of you will see ways to boost your income today or to make money down the road. Trust your moneymaking ideas. (You might even get a raise.)

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
This is an exciting, social day for you! You're ready for adventure and something different, which is why you are attracted to people who are unusual. Stay flexible today.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Secrets might be revealed today. Something unexpected is taking place behind the scenes. Because you sense this, you feel a bit restless and excited.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
You might meet someone new today who is bohemian or avant-garde. Or perhaps someone you already know will do something that completely amazes you!

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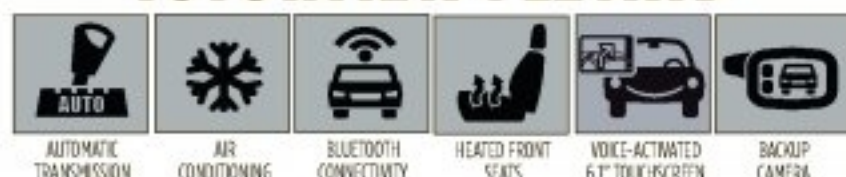


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